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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 9, 10 and 15-19 are pending in the application, that claims 9, 10 and 19 stand rejected and that claims 15-18 are allowed. By this response, claims 9, 10 and 19 have been cancelled to place the application in condition for allowance.

In view of the amendments presented above and the following discussion, the Applicant respectfully submits that none of these claims now pending in the application are anticipated under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Thus, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

Rejections

A. 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected the Applicant's claims 9, 10 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lane et al. (US Patent No. 5,377,051, hereinafter "Lane").

The Applicant has herein cancelled claims 9, 10 and 19. Having done so, the Applicant respectfully submits that the basis for the Examiner's rejection of the above identified patent application has been removed. As such, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Applicant would like to sincerely thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Having made the amendments presented herein, the Applicant submits that none of the claims, presently in the application, are anticipated under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Consequently, the Applicant believes that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned.

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